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**ODESSA POSTAL CARRIER SENTENCED TO PRISON
AFTER STEALING MORE THAN 2000 PIECES OF MAIL**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 26-year-old Daniel Joseph Sanchez was sentenced this morning by United States District Judge Robert Junell in Midland to serve a three-month term in federal prison as a consequence of his conviction for delaying or destroying hundreds of items of U.S. Mail. He was ordered to serve a three-year term of supervised release upon his release from custody.

In his guilty plea on August 18, 2008, Sanchez admitted that as a postal carrier in Odessa from November 2007 through January 2008, he took numerous pieces of mail matter to his home that had been entrusted to him for delivery. He also acknowledged opening some of those items to look for money or valuables. In all, approximately 2,495 undelivered items of mail were recovered from a storage room at his home by investigators in April. The Postal Service ultimately delivered most of these items belatedly to the intended recipients.

The case was investigated by the Inspector General of the United States Postal Service. Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey Parras prosecuted on behalf of the government.

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